

June 23, 2016

Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin
Commissioner Roseanne Bentley
Commissioner Harold Bengsch

cc: Sheriff Jim Arnott

Dear Commissioners:

Following a closed session today, the Springfield City Council has authorized me to send you this letter. While the Council appreciates the County's offer, the Springfield City Council voted today to decline the proposal to fund a temporary jail facility on the Greene County parking lot. We currently have a cost-effective, temporary jail solution in place and it is working efficiently.

In addition, the City Council feels unable to enter into any further agreement with Greene County until the question of the validity of contracts is decided by the courts. We currently have contracts with two counties and a transport company which are working well. The City intends to honor those contracts.

We agree with the Greene County Commission that we must work to find a suitable solution to the jail issue. Therefore, we, once again, respectfully ask the Greene County Commission to join with us in this lawsuit—rather than treating it as an adversarial action—and ask the Court to decide which opinion is correct. Once that decision is rendered, both entities can then move forward with appropriate decision-making.

We continue to stand ready to meet to discuss a long-term solution to the County's jail over-crowding issue a discussion that should also include our surrounding municipalities. We await your response.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Stephens, Mayor